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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Mr. Jerry C. Winslow
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SR-6J

RE: Final Revisions to Alternatives Screening Technical
Memorandum, Ashland/NSP Lakefront Superfund Site

Dear Mr. Winslow:

In accordance with the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC), CERCLA Docket No. V-W-04-C-764, Section X, Subparagraph 21(c), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is modifying the Alternatives Screening Technical Memorandum (ASTM) submission to cure certain deficiencies. By letter dated March 15, 2007, EPA provided Northern States Power Company (NSPW), (d.b.a. Xcel Energy) a notice of deficiency regarding the ASTM. EPA provided a second notice of deficiency on July 9, 2007, giving NSPW 21 days to cure the deficiencies by incorporating EPA's modifications. NSPW submitted the revised ASTM on July 30th. EPA, in consultation with WDNr, reviewed NSPW's revised ASTM. EPA has agreed to incorporate most of the revisions, however, other modifications contained in the notices of deficiency still need to be incorporated into the ASTM. Since EPA has already provided two notices of deficiency on the ASTM, EPA invokes its right to modify the ASTM pursuant to Subparagraph 21(c). The attached document is, therefore, the final ASTM for the Ashland/NSP Lakefront Superfund Site. Please submit the attached document as the final ASTM within 21 days.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss things further, please contact me at (312) 886-1999.

Sincerely,

Scott K. Hansen
Remedial Project Manager

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